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# A Friend of Senators

Julius Klein

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WASHINGTON, July 19—Julius Klein, an international public relations man addicted to name-dropping, a major general in the Army reserve with seven decorations, a Taft Republican with bipartisan connections, was known simply as "Dutch" Klein when he was a star reporter for Hearst's now-defunct Chicago Herald-Examiner. That was in the rollicking days of Chicago journalism, later immortalized by two fellow reporters, Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur in the play "The Front Page," which had a character named "Dutch."

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In 1926, Mr. Klein volunteered to sit, strapped down in the first electric chair installed in the Criminal Courts Building, for a photograph. The warden did not know that the electric chair was not plugged in, so when the switch was thrown he fainted.

The convivial Mr. Klein, now head of a public relations concern with offices in New York, Los Angeles and Frankfurt, Germany, is again on something of a hot seat. He appeared today before the Senate ethics committee, which is delving into allegations that he, as a registered foreign agent, used Senator Thomas J. Dodd, Democrat of Connecticut, to further his West German business interests.

## 'Guts and Gall'

"Julius Klein is a top operator with unlimited guts and gall," says a Republican politician who has known him for 30 years. "He rushes up to say 'Hello' to Senators—who, of course, say 'Hello' to anybody—so as to give the impression that he is on close terms with them."

Although he has a reputation of giving little quarter in a fight, Mr. Klein is also capable of generous, unpublicized gestures, as well as being a soft touch for chari-

ties. He is intensely loyal to his friends.

His actions, however, raise doubts of his credibility. Just before Mr. Dodd departed for Germany in April, 1964, Mr. Klein wrote him:

"I am glad and proud that the picture of my friend John Foster Dulles graces his [Dr. Konrad Adenauer's] study. It was I who brought these two great statesmen together."

Mr. Klein is also said to have gone from one office to another in the Pentagon, chatted a bit and then announced that if he had any telephone calls he could be reached in the office of the Secretary of Defense.

## Photographs of Famous

The walls of his office and his \$625-a-month apartment overlooking Lake Michigan in Chicago are covered with hundreds of pictures of Presidents, generals, Senators and other public figures. Those of President Johnson and Cardinal Spellman are signed "best wishes," Mr. Dodd's with "good wishes and high admiration," and Senator Wayne Morse's with "best wishes always."

Mr. Klein says his hobby is "sending orphans through college." His favorite book is the Bible, his heroes are Lincoln, Herbert Hoover, Robert A. Taft and Douglas MacArthur.

Mr. Klein is chauffeured (by a driver called "James") in a black Cadillac bearing the license plate JK 109 (the number of his old anti-aircraft brigade). He says that he cares so little for clothes that he buys suits in the \$60-to-\$75 range off the rack. A stocky 5 foot 7 inches, his hair almost gone and his half closed eyes peering through bifocals, he looks somewhat like a neglected Teddy Bear.

## Served in World War I

Mr. Klein was born in Chicago on Sept. 5, 1901. His grandparents emigrated from Austria about 1848. His father was an international fur deal-



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**"Unlimited guts and gall"**  
(Mr. Klein in Washington yesterday)

er with offices in Chicago and Berlin. Mr. Klein says he and his family were interned in Germany in World War I, but that he escaped to France in 1918 and joined the American Army, although he was underage. He still speaks with a German accent.

His interest in the military developed during the 1920's. As a National Guard officer he was sent to the South Pacific in World War II.

His proudest award is the Soldier's Medal for Heroism, given him for helping rescue troops after an explosion at a dock at New Caledonia.

Mr. Klein has also been a Hollywood executive, an unsuccessful candidate for the Republican senatorial nomination in Illinois in 1954, an equally unsuccessful aspirant for Congress in 1932.

Mr. Klein married Helene von Holstein, a touring Viennese musical comedy star, in 1928. They have no children, but, the general says proudly, some of "my G.I.'s" named sons for "Uncle Julius."